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Swimmers train for Maui

Some 25 enthusiastic Tattersall's swimmers are in serious training at the present time — swimming an average of 25 miles each every week — in the hope of securing a place in one of the two teams which will represent the club in the September Maui Channel Swim.

For several years Tattersall's Swimming Club has competed in this nine mile, open sea relay event between the islands of Maui and Lanai and also in the Waikiki Beach Swim, which is 2.3 miles in rough water.

Both races are held on the United States Labor Day weekend, September 5 to 7.

The races are unique and last year the Relay had 59 teams and the Beach Swim over 2,000 competitors.

Club member Graham Coles is a Maui Channel — Waikiki veteran competitor and the Graham Coles Bondi Classic Swim is based on the Waikiki event, which starts at Waikiki Beach in rough water, goes out past Diamond Head and finishes at downtown Honolulu.

Tattersall's Club swims by invitation, which was originally arranged by Wal Tyler. The club now has a permanent position.

We have previously taken second place in the Relay, in which each member of the six man team swims for half an hour, and then each man swims

10 minutes until the race is completed.

All competitors must be aged over 25 and the course is over an international waterway and a boat must accompany each team.

Swimming Club President, Norm Rogers, says this year we are hopeful of a good showing as the team will be very competitive. It has been undergoing full training since February.

Max Metzker and Paul Blake have won gold and silver in the Beach Swim in past years and Max is a starter again this year.

The stalwarts of the team are Stuart MacCallum and Norm Rogers and the team this year will comprise 25 going to Hawaii, which will be narrowed down to two swimming teams later.

Norm comments that Stuart MacCallum has arranged some sponsorships for this year and the first team (seven swimmers) will be sponsored to the extent of 90% per member.

As in previous years, the teams will fly Continental Airlines, arranged through Ken Glover, and are looking forward to a splendid time in Hawaii.

Tattersall's has reciprocal rights with the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Honolulu Club, and barbecues are organised for the teams before the event and a wake in the Pioneer Hotel afterwards.



What's Snooker Secretary Doug Jordan up to, in full flight on the rostrum? For the answer, see the article on the Snooker Tournament Dinner in this newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary

Bastille Day Function. July 14, 7.30pm for 8pm. There will be a four course dinner, wine and French music, with French perfume for the ladies, champagne as a lucky door prize, and a strolling musician with his accordion. Cost \$40 per head. Room for 150 only. Bookings through Joanne.

Bowling Club dates for July: 9th, Social at City; 16th, Social at Double Bay; 23rd, Social at Double Bay; 27th, Annual General Meeting at Tattersall's Club, Middy.

Snooker Tournament Dinner and Call of Card, 2nd Floor, July 29, 6pm. All club members welcome, but deadline for bookings is July 22. Full details, times, cost etc., Joanne at the club.

Ski Club Men's Week. Werruna Lodge, Perisher Valley, July 25 to August 1. Bookings now open.

Snooker Tournament. Call of the Card. July 30, 6.00pm for cocktails on the second floor. All club members are invited. Some details in this newsletter; further details: Contact Snooker Secretary, Doug Jordan.

Epicureans' Theatre Party to see H.M.S. Pinafore at her Majesty's Theatre, August 4. Dinner at the club, parking provided and transport to and from the theatre. Cost about \$48.00 per head; Limit 60 people.

Tattersall's Club Luncheon. Club Room, First Floor, August 10, 12.30pm for 1pm. Guest speaker, Alan Jones, Rugby Union administrator, Sports Coach, Radio Personality, speaker of his mind and club member. Bookings through Joanne at the Club.

Ski Club Mixed Week. Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo, August 29 to Sept. 5. Bookings now open.

Epicureans Dinner and Dance at the club. "A Night at the Trocadero". September 5, Black tie, Big Band. Further details: Joanne at the office.

Epicurean dinner and wine tasting. November 6. Details will be published later.

Les Miserables. Visit to this show at the Theatre Royal, on December 3. It will be preceded by dinner at the club and cost with parking is expected to be \$55.00. Only 100 tickets available, BUT..

Les Miserables. Further Epicurean Club visits to this show, with 100 tickets available on each occasion, will be made on January 21, 1988 and February 18.

GREAT DAY AT FORT DENISON

The Epicureans harbour trip to Fort Denison and the western end of Sydney harbour was voted by all 47 club members who went on it as one of the best day's outings the Epicureans have ever had.

It was a most enjoyable, interesting and informative day aboard the Heggarty's ferry "Leura", with half the group joining the ferry at Circular Quay and the rest at Kirribilli.

It was a cloudless autumn day and Fort Denison was the first stop. The Epicureans had the fort to themselves for a tour conducted by the Maritime Services Board.

The history of the fort, its inhabitants and its uses were explained and all enjoyed seeing the cannon and whale oil lamps and other mementoes of past times. The architecture was remarkable in itself and well worth a visit by all Sydney-siders.

There is a yard arm strategically placed in the courtyard of the fort and as the party re-embarked on Leura it was agreed the sun was well and truly over it so without further ado, refreshments were served.

The MSB had provided a public relations officer who accompanied the trip around the western part of Sydney Harbour. Epicureans were impressed with the many significant improvements and restorations to the foreshores. Few had realised how many beautiful parks and reserves there were in that part of the harbour. They also had a close-up view of the container vessel facilities at Glebe Island and cruised around Goat and Spectacle Islands.

The food and wines organised by the Tattersall's staff were excellent — everyone had half a lobster, prawns and oysters galore, chicken and an assortment of salads.

The Epicureans were very well cared for by Ellen and Sally from the dining room and had the services of some voluntary but very capable barmen.

All agreed that if the trip was an indication of future functions they would attend them all.

Bastille Day

The next Epicurean function is the celebration of Bastille Day on July 14 in the dining room at the club. It is being arranged as a compliment to the wonderful French contribution to the development of Sydney, such as restaurants, arts, literature, exploration, fashion and wines.

The menu will be French — naturellement, mes amis. The wines will be French styles produced in Australia, plus one famous French import. Some French champagne will be announced as prizes for the lucky numbers held by our guests. The music — French of course and the ambience and decor of the dining room will be better than Maxim's! Les files de table et les garçons

de Tattersall's will attend to every wish.

It will be a memorable occasion. Why not invite a friend of French origin along — the Epicureans guarantee an evening that will make you proud of your club.

Finally: Don't forget September 5 for the "Night at the Trocadero". Black tie, Big Band.
Bas Phillips.

Third Floor Charges

The Club Committee has re-introduced charges for using the Athletics Department in an effort to recover at least a substantial proportion of the \$100,000 a year that the Department costs to operate.

In a circular to members the committee regrets the re-introduction of charges, but feels that it is necessary to attempt to recover at least \$70,000 from members on a "user pays" basis.

To achieve this budgeted result, the Committee has introduced a \$3.00 per day casual rate for members or their guests and a \$175.00 "regular user" fee which will cover the period up to the end of next February.

"The introduction of the regular user rate, it is felt, results in a more equitable distribution of the burden than was in place prior to February 28 last," the circular states. Members have been sent a form to enable them to take advantage of the regular user rate.

Club General Manager, Andrew Grecian, requests however that everybody using the Athletics Department, whether they have paid the regular user subscription or not, continue to fill in a yellow user card so that the club will continue to have statistics available on the extent to which the Athletics Department is being used.

Dining Room Changes

Regular users of the dining room will have noticed the changes which have occurred on the fourth floor over the past few weeks.

A new style menu has been adopted to offer members different culinary delights to tempt their palates.

Fixed prices for the various courses have been introduced in an attractive single page format. The dishes will be changed regularly to give a wide range of options throughout the year.

Since its inception, the new menu has resulted in increased attendances, particularly for lunch time diners. Anne Colley has added her own artistic flair to the environment as she takes on the task of Maitre d'Hotel for the lunch time patrons.

The changes have been well received by members and many favourable comments have been heard throughout the club.

To cater for the family, the club has introduced a Children's Menu. At a reduced price, this is designed to attract the family group by reducing the total cost of dining together at Tattersall's.

A new era of culinary presentation has arrived at Tattersall's Club!

WILSON WINS POINTS SCORE

The handicap races for the 1986-87 season ended on Thursday, June 18. The final monthly point score was won by Garry Wilson who also scored the most points for the season in 40 yards races and the most wins in individual events. Congratulations Garry on a most successful season.

The point score for 80 yards events was won by David Robinson who also dead-heated with Jim Tuite in scoring the most wins. Full details of the season's point score results are as follows:

40 YARDS EVENTS

Points:

Garry Wilson, 201; Ted Joye, 199; Brian Harvey, 197.5; John Barrell, 184.5; Chas Coppa, 178; David Dind, 177; Bill Debney, 171.

Wins:

Garry Wilson, 8; Rob Farrell, 7.5; John Barrell, 6.5; Mel Holecek, 6.5; Mike McCormack, 6.5; Gerry McCormack, 6.5.

80 YARDS EVENTS

Points:

David Robinson, 171; John Barrell, 155; John Nicholas, 154; Jim Tuite, 142; Rob Farrell, 141.5.

Wins:

David Robinson, 13; Jim Tuite, 13; Rob Farrell, 11; Perry Sutton, 9.5; John Barker, 8.

For those interested in statistics, 98 members competed in at least one event during the year.

In 40 yards events the average number of starters each week was 32 and the maximum number was 41. Similar numbers for 80 yards events were 18 and 26. The Swimming Club Championships will be held next week. Heats on Tuesday, June 23 and Finals on Thursday, June 25, will commence at 1.15pm each day.

On Tuesday, June 30, heats of the Dewars event and of the Sam Block event will be held with the finals of each on Thursday, July 2, again commencing at 1.15pm.

US Navy Visits

The Club had one of its best nights of the month during the visit of the United States Navy, when some 80 Marine and Naval officers and their guests chose the Club Room for a cocktail Party that started at 5pm and was still going strong at 11pm.

The officers were from the USS Belleau Wood and with their guests, made up a party of 200 people.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by a mobile discotheque.

Snooker Tournament in full swing

The 1987 Snooker Tournament is progressing very well. We are playing 15 games a week and at this rate we expect to be down to the last 32 well before July 27, the date on which we will conduct the annual "Calling of the Card".

Invitations will be issued, similar to those for the Auction, and the format for the evening will be exactly similar.

However, all club members are particularly welcome to this dinner event, even though individual invitations are not sent. Anyone wishing to attend the calling of the card dinner should contact Joanne at the office for details and a booking. The final date for bookings will be July 22.

The handicappers are taking great delight at the number of black ball games.

A few surprises have occurred. John Hudson was defeated in the second round by John Fay and Jeff Woollard was defeated in the first round.

A thrilling black ball win was had by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, who defeated his old sparring partner, "Digger" Lobb.

Phil Hase defeated David Brookman to enter the final 32. Warren Foster

defeated Terry Lindfield and Peter Twigg defeated John Hawkins.

This week sees Eddie Charlton playing Baron Edson.

We have had good audiences to date. Please check the notice board in the club foyer for the list of games each week. The billiards has been halted until we get down to the last 32 in the snooker during the next fortnight.

The last Round Robin Ansett Holiday Pairs will be conducted during July. The competition has been a huge success. Sixteen pairs — full capacity — have participated each month. Further sponsorships are now in the pipeline and members will be notified in due course.

The Tattersall's Club Snooker inter-club team got off to a successful start in defence of the title they won last year by defeating Rugby Club 3 — 0.

David Brookman and Frank Cooper joined the regular players and Captain Barry Cooper invites all members to attend these matches to give much needed support.

See you all on the second floor
Doug Jordan.

Bowlers' AGM

Tim Anderson, the Bowlers' Club President, sends an important message to all members of the Bowling Club:

Don't forget to attend the annual meeting of the Bowls Club at Tattersall's on Monday, July 27, at noon.

BOWLING PROGRAMME

Thurs. July 9, Social at City;
Thurs. July 16, Social at Double Bay;
Thurs. July 23, Social at Double Bay;
Mon. July 27, AGM at Club, Midday;
Thurs. July 30, Social at Double Bay;
Thurs. Aug. 6, Social at Double Bay;
Thurs. Aug. 13, Social at City;
Thurs. Aug. 20, Match v Kensington at Kensington;
Thurs. Aug. 27, Social at Double Bay;
Thurs. Sept. 3, Social at Double Bay;
Mon. Sept. 7, Match v N'castle at Terrigal (coach from City 8.30am, lunch 12);
Thurs. Sept. 10, Social at City;
Thurs. Sept. 17, 1st & 2nd rds. Singles Ch. All day at Double Bay;
Thurs. Sept. 24, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Oct. 1, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Oct. 8, Social and matches, City;
Thurs. Oct. 15, 1st & 2nd rds Pairs Ch. All day at Double Bay;
Thurs. Oct. 22, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Oct. 29, Match v City at City;
Thurs. Nov. 5, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Nov. 12, Social and matches, City;
Thurs. Nov. 19, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Nov. 26, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Dec. 3, Social and matches, Double Bay;
Thurs. Dec. 10, Social and matches, City;
Thurs. Dec. 17, Christmas bowls end of year Carnival Day - turkeys, prizes etc. Double Bay.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been welcomed to the club:

Peter Anthony De Mestre, Stockbroker with McNabb, Clarke;
Vincent John Dobbins, Barrister, Windeyer Chambers.
Richard Edward Dransfield, Office Manager, Kosciuszko Chalet;
Colin Jeffrey Dransfield, Dealer Development Manager, Thiess Toyota Pty. Ltd.;
Cameron Anthony Dunn, Investment Manager, Mildon & Co.;
Robert David Harding, Barrister;
Edgar Barry Hayes, Secretary for Western Lands Commission;
Michael Thomas Lloyd, Company Director, Lend Lease Retail;
Wayne Gordon Muddle, Company Director, Northcott Securities Pty Ltd., and Solicitor, Allen, Allen & Hemsley;
Timothy Ostini-Fitzgerald, Barrister, Windeyer Chambers.

Auction a resounding success



The second floor dining room was unusually full for the snooker tournament auction and dinner earlier this month, when Doug Jordan and his helpers achieved a record result.

This year's Snooker Auction was even more than a resounding success — it was an absolute record breaker.

One hundred and ten members attended the dinner as guests of the snooker and billiards sub-committee and as a result of the record number of tickets being sold, the value of this year's prizes will be higher than ever before.

There will also be the usual beautiful trophies, of course.

Auctioneer for the evening, Doug Jordan, and his two assistants, Arthur O'Connor and Tom Longworth, were heartily congratulated by many club members after the event on their success.

The snooker and billiards sub-committee and their guests were first served a dinner of oysters, followed by turkey and then cheese platter and coffee. Wines were also provided and a video was made of the event.

Night for Whisky Buffs

Some 50 of the Club's Scotch Malt Whisky enthusiasts had the opportunity to indulge their taste free of charge on six of the finest single malt whiskies ever to come out of Scotland and at the same time, learn something of what makes their indulgence so delightful.

Robin Spratt of Spey Traders, put on the tasting in the Club Room on June 23, and while members sipped their way from Speyside to Glen Livet via the Isles of Islay and Jura, Robin proved himself the full bottle, so to speak, on single malts.

Robin Spratt first gained his expertise whilst serving at Lossiemouth, Scotland with the Royal Australian Fleet Air Arm.

"When there was no flying there was this other activity to keep us busy," he said. Since leaving the Service, Robin has been in the whisky business.

First, the reason why single malt whiskies taste so different, with a rich, smokey or even peaty flavour present.

It started when the Highland distillers discovered their somewhat rough, colourless "poteen" could be vastly improved by maturation in old sherry casks. The casks were at the end of a one way trip once they arrived in England containing sherry, so they were very cheap for the thrifty Scots distillers to acquire.

Needless to say, they are now virtually impossible to acquire in this way, so the only Scotch single malt whisky which still matures in sherry casks, the one known as the Rolls Royce of Malts and endorsed by the Dean of Trinity College, Oxford, no less, is the Macallan, which is also the most expensive.

To get its sherry casks, Macallan buys them in Spain and then leases them, free

of charge, to the Spanish sherry industry for a season before bringing them back to Scotland to be filled with Scotch.

All the other single malt distillers apparently use old Bourbon whiskey casks which are cheap in the United States because the law allows them to be used only once for Bourbon.

They are brought back to Scotland, have the charcoal scraped off the inner surface, get a couple of gallons of sherry swilled round the inside and then get to contain the malt.

Single malt whiskies are usually paler than blended scotches because they have no caramel added for colour and all differ both in colour, bouquet and flavour.

Robin Spratt described the island malts as having a very strong iodine peatiness, due to the seaweed impregnated and low lying peat used to dry the barley. The Isle of Jura malt served at the tasting almost had a suggestion of green in its colour.

Robin saved the really bad news for near the end of his talk: The Federal Government imposes duty and sales tax totalling \$161.00 on a 12 bottle case of single malt whisky, and then the State licensing fee is not only added to that, but is also charged at the rate of 10% on the Federal taxes as well.

Said Robin, "Even the cheapest blended whisky carries a minimum tax of \$10.20 a bottle, so you can imagine how much the retailer makes when he sells it as low as \$12.99."

The six malts served at the tasting were Glen Grant, a Highland malt from Speyside, Isle of Jura, Bruichladdich from Islay, Tamnavulin from Glenlivet, Longmorn from the north end of Speyside and Macallan from the River Spey.

Alan Jones luncheon next month

Now is the time to book for the club luncheon on August 10, to be addressed by one of the most successful speakers and sporting personalities in Australia, Alan Jones.

Alan is a member of Tattersall's but his claims to fame lie in his record as a sporting coach in Rugby Union and tennis and as a speech writer and public speaker.

For three years he was a speech writer and senior adviser to Malcolm Fraser and for four years he was the Executive Director of the Employers' Federation of New South Wales.

He gave up the Federation position to become the morning radio host on 2UE in 1985 and that same year he won the Rostrum Speakers' Award for Communicator of the Year.

In the same year he also won the Confederation of Australian Sport award for Coach of the Year.

Alan started his sporting career with University Blues from both Queensland and Oxford for tennis.

His coaching awards follow his unmatched feats of coaching the Wallabies to a grand Slam victory in 1984 over England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, with a further victory over an all-Britain International Barbarians side which included two top players from France.

In 1986 Alan Jones again coached the Wallabies to victory, this time over New Zealand in the Bledisloe Cup series.

Alan Jones is regarded as one of the best speakers in Australia and his talk to the club luncheon on August 10 in the Club Room should be an occasion as memorable as that of Professor Geoffrey Blainey last year.

Last chance for ski holiday

the lack of early snow has not dampened the enthusiasm of Tattersall's skiers who have booked for the Perisher Men's Week commencing on Saturday, July 25 and the family week at Thredbo commencing on Saturday, August 29.

Bookings for both these weeks are near capacity with only a few vacancies available for each.

The Tattersall's ski weeks are well recognised for their great fun and great value for money.

If you are still contemplating whether to join in the fun for 1987, you would be well advised to make your booking now through Joanne at Tattersall's office.

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The golden drop that's worth almost more than gold these days; in fact, anything up to \$42.50 a bottle. Some of the club's malt whisky connoisseurs who enjoyed a drop at the Spey Traders free tasting in the Club Room during June were Brent Halligan, left, Ray Whitten, Chris Craigie, Glen Miller and Alan Robertson, seen here, with malt whisky expert, Robin Spratt, right.